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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

May 24, 1978

Admiral Stansfield Turner  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

It is my particular pleasure and honor to inform you that, by unanimous vote of the National Council of Administration of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency, jointly, have been selected to receive the V.F.W.'s "Americanism Gold Medal Award and Citation" for 1978.

This joint selection of two agencies of the national government is a unique occurrence. Normally, this coveted award is made to an individual. At this moment in our nation's history, however, the V.F.W. believes it to be of greater importance to recognize, formally, the centrally important tasks the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation quietly and selflessly perform for the betterment of all of America's citizens.

We hope, of course, that you, Admiral Turner, can personally join with us for this joint presentation.

The time and place will be:

The 79th National Convention of the V.F.W.  
Monday, 21 August at 10:30 A.M.  
The Dallas Convention Hall  
Dallas, Texas

There will be approximately 5,000 members of the V.F.W. and their Ladies' Auxiliary in attendance. We suggest brief acceptance remarks only on the part of the CIA award recipient.

If, for any reason, you are unable, personally, to join with us in Dallas, please designate an individual to accept our award on behalf of the Central Intelligence Agency.



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We, of course, hope that this designation will not be necessary and that you will join with us as we stand up for your people and your function.

Please contact Mr. Cooper T. Holt, Executive Director of the V.F.W.'s Washington Office (543-2239) for any further details you may require.

My congratulations to you and, through you, to the magnificent organization you head.

Most cordially,

  
JOHN WASYLIK  
National Commander-in-Chief